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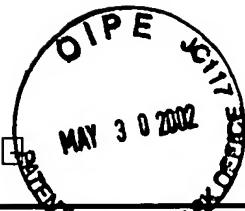
In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, Paper No. 3, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 22-24, drawn to a clamping device with a support member, classified in Class 269.
- II. Claims 22, 25 and 26, drawn to a clamping device with a reversing slip clutch, classified in Class 74.
- III. Claims 22, 27 and 28, drawn to a clamping device with a specific

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clamping arm configuration, classified in Class 30, subclass 374.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with invention I defined in Claims 22-24, drawn to a clamping device with a support member, classified in Class 269. Claim 22, being the only independent claim in the pending application, is considered generic to all of the listed inventions. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder upon the allowance of independent Claim 22.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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